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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Clarks Creek Quarry, S/003/039, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Riordan:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on February 12, 1997. The application for the proposed Clarks Creek Quarry, located in the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 14, T13S, R16W, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah is complete and no additional information is required at this time.

Your NOI included a request for variances for items # 12 (topsoil redistribution) and #13 (revegetation). While the photo provided shows sparse vegetation and considerable rock fragments on the surface, it does not indicate the depth or quality of the soil. Also, alternative standards for determining reclamation success was not discussed. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements. *Before the Division can approve the variances, an on-site inspection will need to be conducted.* We can also resolve the issues regarding depth and quality of soil and alternative standards at that time. This inspection should be conducted prior to your start-up date. Please give me a call to arrange a day and time.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We will forward a copy

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of this letter and your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

Thank you for your cooperation. Best wishes with your mining operation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5310. I await your telephone call to set up a time for an on-site inspection

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Kunzler', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lynn Kunzler
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure
cc: Kiran Bhayani, DWQ w/NOI
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